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Police run blitz on drink-drivers

Altona police are carrying out a blitz against drinking drivers.

A police spokesman said yesterday six drivers had been booked in Altona, on charges of driving with a blood-alcohol content over .05 per cent., in the past week.

And the blitz would continue, the spokesman warned. If people continued to drink and drive they must be prepared to take the risk of prosecution.

The drivers booked in the past week had an average blood-alcohol reading of about .130 per cent.

The highest was a man who recorded a Breathalyzer reading of .310 per cent.

PRESSURE

Several of those booked in recent weeks were older, hard-core drinkers who had been in the habit of going to hotels on Fridays and Saturdays for years.

They would have to learn to change their habits or leave their cars home, the spokesman said.

"We'll be keeping the pressure up and trying to keep the road toll down."

He said the crackdown was entirely independent of a series of blitzes in the western suburbs, organised by the Mobile Traffic Squad, at Brunswick.

In these, special squads of police using a mobile police station, equipped with a Breathalyzer and other facilities to test drinking drivers, had operated without warning throughout the western suburbs.

As many as 20 people have been booked in a night, in an area from Midstone to Altona.

The Altona police spokesman said concentration was not only on weekends. Attention would be given to places where liquor was served seven nights a week and during the day.

Gellibrand trophies

Gellibrand Cricket Club's presentation night, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Newport, on Friday, July 2.

Tickets are available from Mr. I. Gleeson.

Progressive Altona

This issue of the Star carries a 16-page feature concerned with interesting stories and pictures tracing the rapid growth pattern of Altona's industries and institutions. Progressive Altona starts on page 7.

Car-theft charges

Detectives from Laverton CIB have arrested a man believed to have been responsible for a rash of thefts from parked cars in Altona North earlier this year.

The man, aged 39 and unemployed, lives in Altona. He has been committed for trial in the County Court on charges of larceny from cars and burglary.

A CIB spokesman warned, however, that isolated cases of thefts from parked cars were still being reported.

People should make sure their cars were properly locked, both in their yards and on the street, he said.

If valuables had to be left in cars they should be kept out of sight, preferably in a locked boot.

Such items as cameras and cassette players left on display provided a temptation and often led to a car window being broken, in addition to the loss of the goods.

Close houses should be left empty and open, so potential thieves could see they did not contain valuables. This often saved damage to cars also, the spokesman added.



Good weather, food for their holiday

Good weather and good food highlighted the week-long holiday of 14 members of the Altona Senior Citizens Club at Lorne.

PHONE BOX DELAY LED TO ASSAULT

A man waiting to use a public telephone became angry at the delay and assaulted the man using it after he finished, police have been told.

The incident was at a telephone box in Gordon Street, Footscray. A Williamstown man received head injuries as a result.

Mr. Lino Tomandul, of Cox Gardens, Williamstown, told police he made a call from the phone about 5.30 p.m. last Friday.

While he was making the call, a man banged on the wall of the booth and complained about the delay.

He finished the call and the man opened the door and began punching him, Mr. Tomandul told police.

He then grabbed the telephone receiver and banged him with it, smashing it in two.

The man began shouting

and was remonstrated, because a woman was present and this led to further bashing.

Mr. Tomandul was taken to Western General Hospital where he received 13 stitches in a head injury and was treated also for a broken nose and a black eye.

He told police he had never seen the man until he began banging the wall of the telephone box.

Tech. plans

Massive redevelopment is planned for the Footscray Technical College.

The member for Footscray, Robert Fordham, said specifications for the redevelopment were almost complete.

These would determine the size of the college and the range of subjects that would be taught.

It is believed the college will become even larger than the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.



AN ALTONA PUBLICATION

They stayed at the Chalet, and shared their holiday with members of other senior citizens clubs.

They left on Friday, March 26, and returned to Altona on April 2.

The holiday is an annual event, which is subsidised, and is keenly anticipated by those who go on the trips.

The ages of the holiday makers ranged from 62 to 83, with only four of them under 80.

The Altona contingent is pictured waiting to get on the bus outside the club. They are, from left to right, back row: Mrs. Starr, 82, W. Hansen, 70, H. Small, 80, E. Snowling, 62, Mrs. Duncan, 81, Mrs. Reid, 78, Mr. W. Dickinson, 89. Front row: Mrs. Milner, 82, Mrs. H. Woodyard, 92, Mrs. D. Smith, 90, Mrs. E. Edwards, 88, Mrs. Stratton, 70, Mr. T. Marshall, 81, Mrs. Moss, 82.

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West's baptists review role in community

Attendances at Baptist churches throughout the West are declining while the church is improving its following throughout Victoria.

The fall of about 10 per cent. in attendances in recent years has sparked a reaction within the west's 14 Baptist churches.

A conference of all Baptist churches in the west last week decided to review the church's role in the community. The secretary of the Baptist Union of Victoria, Mr. Trevor Farnilo, told the Star all the churches in the west were involved. "We plan to look at our role in the community more realistically," he said. "We think there is a

tremendous job to be done. "We're trying to come to terms with the contemporary church in a contemporary society. People's needs and circumstances are vastly different now from what they were."

Mr. Farnilo said the conference had opened up many issues. "The church has declined and we're looking at the reasons, and prospects for the future," he said.

"In other areas we've seen the amalgamation of some churches. This is possible in the west, but it must come from a grassroots level."

"We want people to talk about it and eventually come to a consensus of opinion. Any changes have to come about because that is the desire of the congregation," Mr. Farnilo said.

He said more conferences would be held at which new policies for the west would be prepared.

West will get arts council

The west is to get its own council for the arts.

The council will mean the west will be able to attract top live productions.

The council will be set up at a meeting to be attended by representatives of the Victorian Arts Council and the Australian Council.

The western-region council will be a branch of the Arts Council of Australia (Victoria division).

The Arts Council is dedicated to improving the availability and appreciation of the arts throughout the community.

Schools in particular will benefit from the western-region council. The Western Region Education Centre could be used as a base for co-ordinating activities within the schools.

11.

Alexander Dolecky, of Third Avenue, Altona, did not appear in court.

Stanley Howard, of Armour Court, Sunshine gave evidence, he was driving in Geelong Road about 7.15 p.m. when a car made a right-hand turn in front of him, with the result a collision occurred.

Constable John Scholes, of Altona, said Dolecky told him his car stalled as he began to turn into McDonald Road and he could not get it started.

Didn't yield -- \$50 fine

Not giving way to other traffic while turning cost an Altona man a \$50 fine and \$15.00 costs at Sunshine Court last week.

The turn resulted in a collision at the intersection of Geelong Road and McDonald Road, Brooklyns on the night of November 11.

Mr. Purcell said: "Mr. Fraser's decision to cut the cost of those overseas trips has already resulted in the decision to use normal commercial aircraft on scheduled flights where possible."

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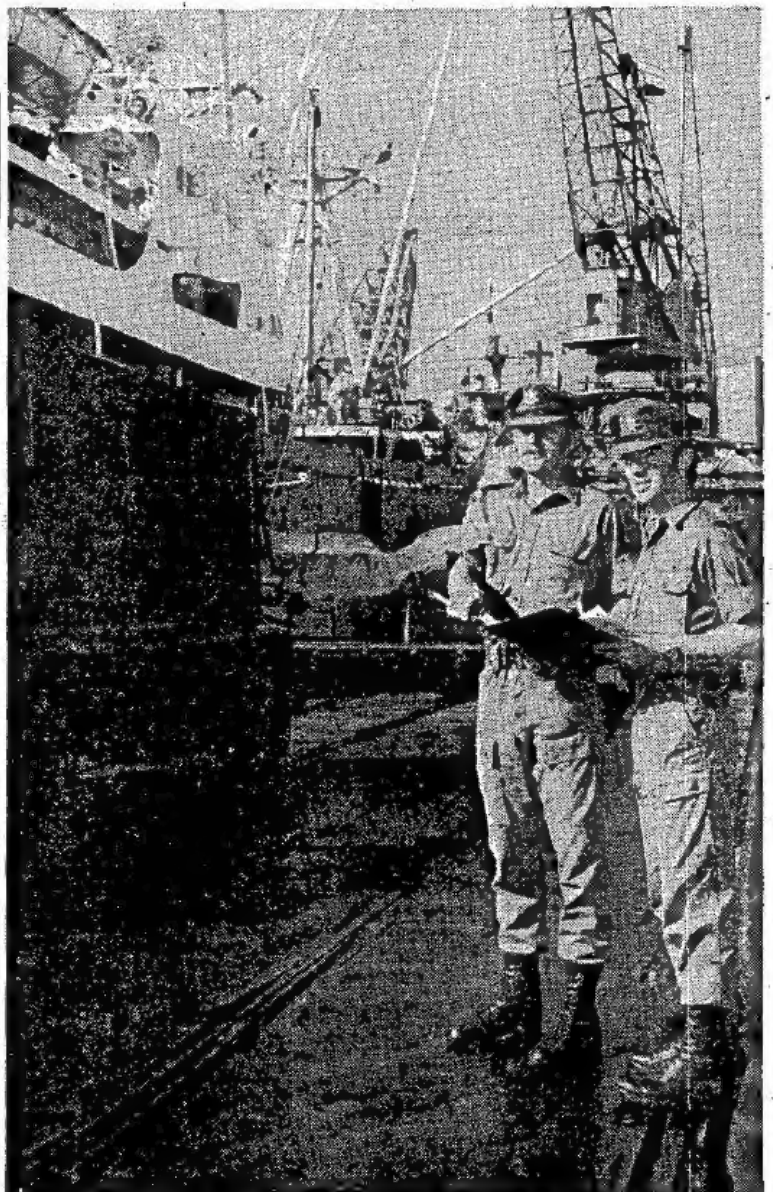
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Altona lieutenant on job



● The armed services certainly keep people on the move. The army officer on the left in this picture is Lieut. Bruce Grant, of Altona. He was working with Lieut. Jack Noye, of Goondiwindi (Queensland), in the early-morning bustle on the wharves at Pyrmont, in Darling Harbour, Sydney. Both belong to the Royal Australian Corps of Transport and were studying facilities as part of a course in transport methods.

Days of costly 'grand tours' over-Purcell

The Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, is ending the days of grand world tours at the taxpayers' expense, the Liberal spokesman for Loral, Mr. Frank Purcell, said yesterday.

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ment had sat for 212 days. "This meant that Mr. Whitlam spent three-quarters of a day out of Australia for every day he spent in Parliament."

"Mr. Fraser made the point that for the \$1.5 million of taxpayers' money Mr. Whitlam had spent on overseas trips he could have bought another Blue Poles, or placed a deposit on the \$4 million Greek sculpture his Government was negotiating to buy."

Mr. Purcell said it appeared that Mr. Whitlam had noted this advice, as he had once again taken art into his shadow portfolio.

Close-up camera

On Friday two members, Grace and Don Hall, will explain the technique of close-up photography.

The pair will also show slides and discuss their equipment.

Anyone interested is welcome at the meetings of 158 days, during the period in which Parlia-

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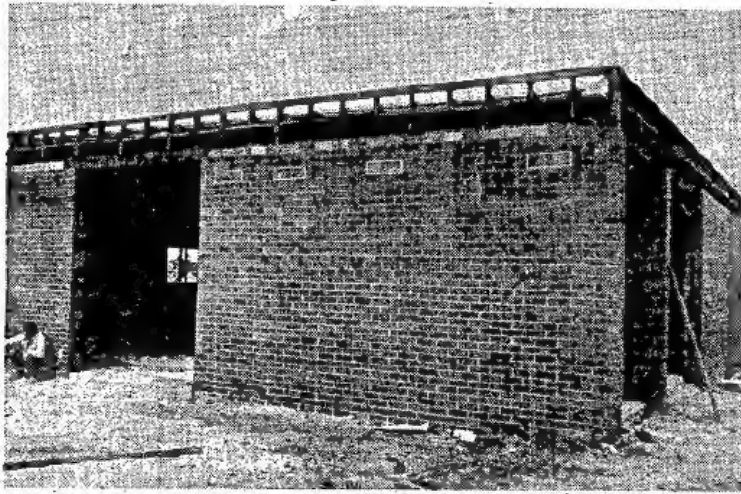
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● This is the new ambulance station for the Altona area in Blackshaws Road, near Millers Road. The Hospitals and Charities Commission says it will be finished soon, and is seeking staff to man it. Training will start next month.

Your rates at work

Altona's city engineer, Mr. Ralph Simmons, has reported the following works have been carried out in the city over the past two weeks:

Cherry Lake: Foundations for a bridge to carry foot traffic across the eastern end of the pond were completed. Placing of beams is in progress.

The placing of rocks around the perimeter of the pond and the islands was completed.

Construction of the rock feature where water from the bore will enter the pond is in progress. Considerable numbers of water birds have recently returned to the lake, probably after breeding elsewhere.

Cresser Reserve: Construction of kerb and channelling around the proposed parking area near the boat launching ramp was completed.

Drainage works associated with the parking area are in progress.

Gravels and sand was spread and levelled preparatory to the sealing of the parking area. Improvements to the foreshore at southern end of reserve were continued.

Apex Park: Extension of the water service at the eastern end of Apex Park was undertaken. Installation of a dual electric bar-becue at Apex Park is nearing completion.

Grant Reserve: Painting of the timber post and rail fence around the old oval on Grant Reserve was completed.

Top dressing of reserves: Top-dressing of playing areas was undertaken at Bond, Ford and Rush reserves.

Resurfacing of pavements: Patching of road pavements in preparation for resurfacing work was continued.

Altona West Primary School: The installation of water mains to serve the playing area at the school is nearing completion.

Proposed Easement Drain: At rear of properties fronting Blackshaws Road and Lawrence Court Council resolution is that a drain be constructed in the easement at the rear of properties 411, 412, 413, 417, 419 and 421 Blackshaws Road.

It is recommended that an amended resolution be approved, incorporating 408 Blackshaws Road.

No witness, so case dismissed

The failure of a civilian witness to answer a police summons to give evidence played a big part in two traffic charges being dismissed at Footscray Court last Thursday.

Alan Lewis Summergreen, of Hayden Street, Laverton, was charged with not giving his name and address to the owner of property damaged in an accident and not keeping clear of traffic in front of his vehicle.

He pleaded not guilty.

When police began giving evidence of an interview with the driver of a car in a collision with one driven by Summergreen, the latter's counsel objected.

Mr. W. Guy, SM, upheld a submission this would be hearsay evidence. Sergeant Kevin Kealy, prosecuting, said the other driver had been summonsed as a witness but had failed to appear.

Police who interviewed Summergreen after the accident said it happened about 6.45 pm last October 13 when Summergreen turned from Ballarat Road, Footscray, into Geelong Road.

He said he had asked the other driver to give his name and address, but he said he was running late. He said he had been willing to give his name and address.

Mr. Guy ruled there was insufficient evidence for a conviction to be recorded.

Val's Column

Was it only last week that I had quite a line-up of perfumes that I passed on?

How many more interesting fragrances can be invented? Yes, I have several more to tell you of. These are quite new, just arrived this past week, in fact.

One has been invented by a young fashion designer Stephen Burrows, the perfume's named — Stephen B.

Wonder if he is any relation to Charlie?

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I see we now have stocked up with Polaroid films in twin packs for Colour 35 — buying this way you save \$1.29. The black & white twin pack 35 saves \$1.31.

The children may have a View Master stereo viewer and have grown tired of the pictures. We keep quite a variety of stereo picture stories — I notice Walt Disney, Star Trek, Kung Fu and Gulliver's Travels, to name a few.

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Just what IS the EPA?

TO THE EDITOR

SIR, — Much and all as it pains me to say, not only does Altona stink, but so does the EPA.

As a private citizen who has tried to elicit information from that august body concerning the precise nature of the pollution in Kororoit Creek, and failed, I cannot see the justification in keeping it going.

Is its only purpose the publication of "daily" air pollution readings and the like, and is that

what I and others pay taxes for?

Or has it other purposes and aims? If it has, perhaps it could spend a little of the money to publish the facts which we are surely entitled to, rather than paying anonymous scientists to run around with little bottles and whatever else it is they do.

No-one appears to want to divulge that "classified" information either.

Just who or what is the EPA — is it to stink a gutless and powerless advisory board, or will it get some muscle such as legislative support from the State Government to prosecute the corporate bodies whose pollution is?

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The computer-controlled plant produces a clear, odorless reconditioned water, some of which is being used to irrigate the Rosebud golf course.

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Mr. Edmunds said that he would be raising the matter in the next session of Parliament.

Commission rent rise slammed

Mr. C. T. Edmunds, MLA for Ascot Vale, said last week that Housing Commission rent increases for "granny" flats were not acceptable.

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Warship will be home soon

The Castlemaine, one of the World War II ships to come out of Williamstown dockyards, will return home within the next few weeks.

The corvette, which was launched by Dame Patil Meozies in 1941, will become a maritime museum run by the Maritime Trust. The Castlemaine will berth at Gern Pier after all preliminary preparation work has been carried out. The pier has been fenced to prevent vandals damaging the ship, dredged to give the ship manoeuvrability, is at present being done.

Mr. Peter Williams, a founder of the Maritime Trust, told the Star-Advertiser the ship is "one of the last famous Australian corvettes."

She was laid down in 1941 and commissioned in 1942.

She was in action around New Guinea and Timor, and escorted convoys from Darwin to Foz de Iguaçu, the trail known as "Bomber Alley".

The Castlemaine was also used for mine-sweeping and survey work, supply and troop carrying, surviving numerous Japanese attacks.

The famous wartime photographer, Damien Parer, was one of the Castlemaine's most distinguished passengers.

She was also used to help clear the channel into Hongkong harbor after the Japanese left the area.

"Twenty years ago the corvette was taken to HMAS Cerberus and served as a training ship for engineering officers."

In 1973 she was presented to the Maritime Trust, and restoration began the following year.

A collection of changing naval and general shipping exhibits will be displayed on board, but Mr. Williams is not yet certain of the ship's arrival date.

The historical exhibition will be concerned with shipping in and around Melbourne since the first days of the colony.

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• Laurie Slee ...
WILLIAMSTOWN

Gern Pier is the best-known pier in Williamstown. For the past three years church people from our city have gathered at Gern Pier to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ at sunrise on Easter Day.

Get the picture — a chilly April Sunday morning before sunrise, a few fishermen just coming in or just getting ready to go out; a steady stream of well-rugged citizens walk across Centenary Park and gather in groups at the seaward end of Gern Pier.

One, maybe he's a minister but one can't tell from his clothes, calls the groups to become one group. A trumpet signals the tune, and the citizens begin to sing a hymn of praise to God the giver of that Easter morn.

A strong-voiced reader reminds all who can hear what the Bible says about that first Easter period. Prayers of love are prayed.

As a brief sermon is being preached the sun begins to rise above the Dandenongs, the Melbourne skyline, the bank of clouds.

The preacher interrupts his sermon with the cry "Christ is Risen" and citizens reply "He is risen indeed."

The trumpeter picks up the melody of "Christ the Lord is Risen today — Hallelujah" and the people sing triumphantly.

Fishermen have shown admirable quiet and reverence, or if bantering, it has been gentle good fun.

• Vera Wells ...
ALTONA

On Australia Day (our old ANA day) this year, I drove along the beachfront and once again, in memory, I saw the scene as it was in the past. So different from the one now.

Gone were the crowds of people who would flock to our beach by the train from all the nearby suburbs.

Gone was the happy, carnival atmosphere that was created by the lifesaving clubs with their beach displays and competitions.

Gone was the old band rounds where our local band once gave concerts.

Gone were the old horse-drawn furniture vans and their large picnic groups.

The pier was nearly empty but it used to be like Bourke Street with the people walking along to watch the high-diving displays from the tower at the end of the pier.

What happy days. "Some picnic groups would have sing-alongs accompanied by an old accordion. Yes, I loved those days on our beach."

I'm afraid these days with cars parked along the beachfront hiding the sea from view, the blaring of the transistors as you move along, shutting out the relaxing wash of the waves on the seashore, we have been robbed of the real pleasure of going to the beach.

The pleasure of getting away from it all and finding an inner happiness that is peace.

Council rejects church walkway

The Greek Orthodox Church Committee — in Mills Street, Altona North, has been refused permission to build a covered walkway only 11 ft. from the front of the property.

Mr. George Gkiozidis, president of the committee, wants the walkway to lead to the main entrance doors of the building.

The plans rejected by the Altona Council showed a deck pier with superimposed semi-circular arches extending 8 ft. 6 ins. (2.6 metres) above the landing.

A pitched roof would extend from the brick facade of the walkway to the main front wall of the existing church.

The extension would encroach into the minimum 20 ft. (6.15 metres) setback distance specified under council by-laws.

560 paintings in art show at town hall

About 560 paintings, ranging from the traditional to the contemporary, will be on display in the Williamstown Town Hall, during the city's 12th annual art show.

The show will be open on Sunday (April 11) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Monday (April 12) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The organisers are the Epsilon, Beta Sigma Phi and the Williamstown Council. Proceeds of the show will go to the Hazeldean Home for the Frail Aged.

It includes two pieces by the centenary sculptor, Ethel Barnes.

Works from private collections and daily demonstrations of china painting should be of interest to visitors.



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Parking ticket follow-up

Breaching Sunshine Council's parking regulations led to a Brooklyn man being fined \$50 for driving an unlicensed vehicle.

Pino Romoso, of Corbigan Avenue, Brooklyn, did not appear at Sunshine Court to answer a charge of driving an unlicensed vehicle.

Constable A. Loeke, of Sunshine police, gave evidence he interviewed Romoso at his house on December 5 last year.

He said he had been told his car had been booked on a parking infringement last July 21, in Sunshine, and asked if he had been driving the vehicle that day.

Romoso admitted he had and that the vehicle was unregistered. He said he had not registered it because he intended selling it.

THE century of the present Methodist Church in Electra Street, Williamstown, has far greater significance than just a beautiful building being 100 years old. It marks at least 136 years of Methodism in Williamstown.

The church's present circuit minister, the Rev. Laurie Slee has begun compiling a history of Methodism in Williamstown and has made this available to John Dixon, who in this issue writes the first of a series of articles as extracted from the history.

While 136 years of Methodism in Williamstown will be celebrated officially on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, it appears the celebrations could actually mark 136 years since the first Methodist-type services were held.

'Ardent youth'
The Rev. Laurie Slee's history of Methodism has so far reached 1902, and officially starting in 1840. But it has reference to divine service being held before this.

But to start where we should, Mr. Slee points out the history of the church in Williamstown cannot be clearly understood without a glance at what happened in England before the first Methodists arrived in England.

After the death in 1791 of the founder of the Methodist Church, the Rev. John Wesley, Methodism was fractured and splintered into many parts, Mr. Slee reports.

Some of these later reunited and three of these divisions were brought to Williamstown by sea captains, soldiers, port pilots, farmers, storekeepers, government officials and women.

These were the Wesleyans in about 1840; the United Methodist Free Churches about 1867; and the Primitive Methodist Church in about 1874.

"The Wesleyan Methodist Church appears to be the best documented and is certainly the earliest, so the celebrations next month actually mark its establishment in Williamstown."

Mr. Slee reports that organisationally the three branches of the church were similar.

In 1840, at the first circuit quarterly meeting held in Melbourne, Williamstown appears as an already-established cause within the Methodist circuit.

The Western 80s' Club held a dance at St. Albans on Sunday, March 28. About 120 people attended.

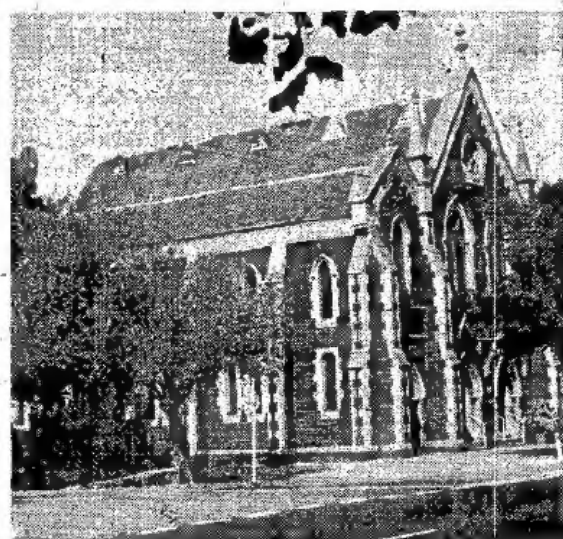
The group will hold a fancy-dress party at the club rooms, Birmingham Street, Yarraville, Saturday, April 10, from 7.30.

Admittance for non-members is \$2 and for those not in fancy dress \$2.50. Girls are to bring a plate and boys a bottle of liquid refreshment.

Further information from Philip Nolan (333 3745) or David or Yvonne Hill (317 7468).

St. John's

A new name for a new century of Methodism



Williamstown's Methodist Church.

May celebrations

In 1838, "Mr. Charles Storie, an ardent and enterprising youth, arrived from Hobart town bearing letters of commendation and a general commission" from the Rev. Joseph Orton.

Storie settled in a schoolmaster at Williamstown and lived in a "lean-to" room attached to the schoolhouse, in which divine service was held.

A blue flag bearing the word "Bethel" — meaning "House of God" — flew over the school building when services were being held.

This, records Mr. Slee, had a special significance for sailors.

The Burg of the Church of England was used at those services.

Williamstown first appeared on the preaching plan in 1840 — a plan that began in July that year.

The clergy of those days were Joseph Orton, Benjamin Hurst and Francis Tuckfield.

But Williamstown, like the other smaller churches, did not see much of the clergy at their weekly worship.

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who came down to preach God's love until the resident ministers of the 1850s," writes Mr. Slee.

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NOT DANGEROUS DRIVING: BOND

A charge of dangerous driving in Footscray Court last Thursday was reduced to careless driving and the driver was given a good behavior bond.

Granting the bond, Mr. W. Guy, SM, suggested that the driver, an Altona North man, pay \$50 to the court poor box.

Evidence was given that the man made a U-turn at the southern end of the Nicholson Street Mall, in Footscray, losing traction of the back wheels of the car.

He then drove down Irving Street, into a car park and drove in circles in the car park. Sergeant Kevin Icely told the court.

When he was stopped he told police he was "just having a bit of fun", Sgt. Icely said.

Charged was Raymond Madigan, of Chambers Road, Altona North.

The incident took place about 8.30 p.m. last December 1, the court was told.

Interference with or danger to other traffic and Madigan had not exceeded the speed limit, he agreed.

Madigan gave evidence that he made the U-turn but denied the back wheels lost traction.

He knew the driver of the car following him and they drove into the car park to have a talk rather than stop on the side of the road.

He agreed with Sgt. Icely, prosecuting, that the cars did not stop in the car park and no conversation took place between the two drivers.

But in reply to a suggestion by Sgt. Icely they had been "mucking about", Madigan said, "I wouldn't call it mucking about."

Mr. Casey submitted there was not even a case to answer on careless driving. There had been no ac-

tual or potential danger to traffic.

The only real complaint was that the wheels of Madigan's car skidded when he made the U-turn.

Mr. Guy said he agreed with the submission about dangerous driving but found a case of careless driving proved.

Mr. Casey asked Mr. Guy not to cancel Madigan's probationary licence. He said Madigan drove socially and to help his mother with her shopping.

He worked with his father for the Board of Works at Brooklyn.

His driving on this occasion had been out of the ordinary.

Mr. Guy said the type of driving was not that of a careful person, especially a probationary licence holder.

But he would take into consideration that no interference had been caused to other traffic and grant the bond, thus not interfering with the driver.

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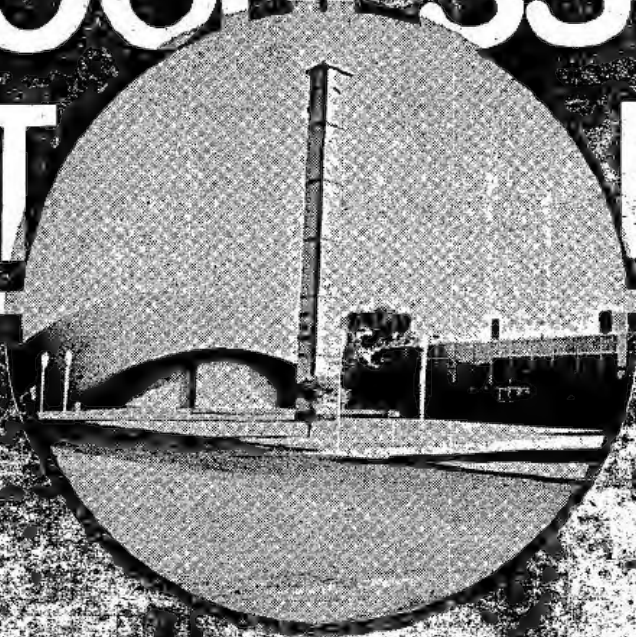
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THE MAYOR SENDS A MESSAGE

By Cr BILL SOMMERS, Mayor of Altona

Altona is on the threshold of rapid development . . . this is the picture conveyed to council by subdivision proposals and the issue of building and town planning permits.

Altona Meadows is currently the scene of development, with the Woodfar-Hanover project underway.

Roads are under construction, and contracts have been let by the developer for the provision of sewerage and water.

The first stages are for 126 home sites to be available by the end of the year, with construction of the first developer-built homes completed also by that date.

The council sees this development as the catalyst for rapid development in the immediate area.

Now the State elections are over, we look to an early announcement from Mr. Hammer of the release of 60 acres of the Truganina buffer zone for home sites.

The future planning for Altona Meadows and Truganina is 15,000 people, to be reached possibly within the next five years.

Steps are being taken to acquire land to enable the ultimate widening of Queen Street to a six-lane roadway, and a building permit has been issued for the erection of commercial premises on land bought by council at the corner of Alma Avenue and Roseberry Street.

Joint planning discussions have begun with Werribee Shire Council to co-ordinate development of the Altona Meadows and Laverton, South areas.

Along with increased activity in residential development, commerce and industry have indicated plans which will provide additional employment needed for our expanding population.

To keep pace with demand, the council is currently building, and about to begin the provision of recreation and social welfare facilities estimated to cost \$1½ million.

Forward planning has enabled the council to implement this programme without strain on finances, and projecting ahead to 1980, the debt ser-



vice figure, as a percentage of rate revenue, will be contained to about 20 per cent.

Compared with the generally accepted figure of 25 per cent, and the 36 per cent Altona had in its earlier days, this is a very low figure.

We live in a period of rapid change, and

one which requires great emphasis on communication, careful planning and evaluation of projects.

If the council is to retain its role in community progress, there must be continuing co-operation and communication at all levels of the community.

For this purpose I congratulate The Star-Advertiser and the many people who have contributed to special editions.

It is you, the people, who make Altona such an excellent place in which to live and work, and any exchange of viewpoints is always welcomed by the council and officers of the city.

Cr. Crofts first and next mayor

Cr. W. L. J. "Les" Crofts, Altona longest serving councillor, has no intention of retiring, he told The Star-Advertiser yesterday.

Cr. Crofts was recently feted at the civic offices on completing 10 years' service to Altona.

A photograph and article appearing in a district paper carried the heading "Farewell Les Crofts".

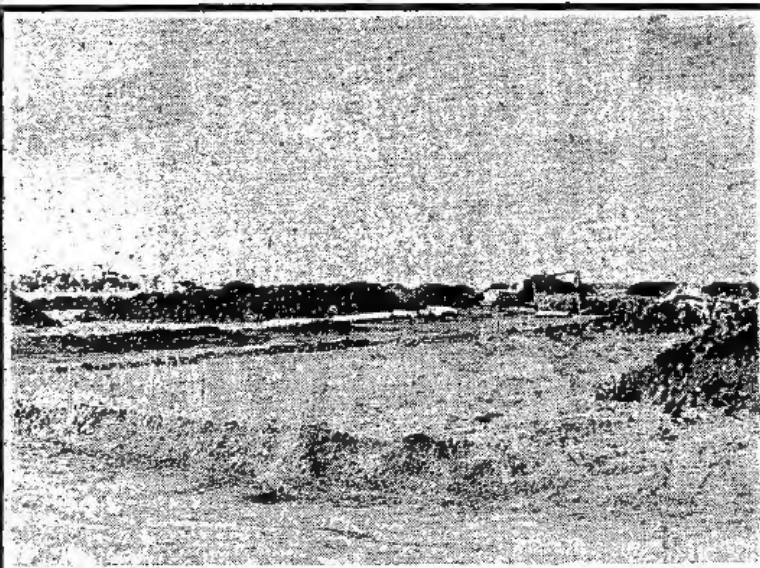
Cr. Crofts says he has been flattered by the number of people calling him in the belief that he was leaving local government and asking him to stay on.

He will be elected Mayor of Altona later this year — his second term in the office. He was the first mayor of Altona, and the last

shiret president before Altona became a city.



Cr. Crofts, in Altona's first Mayor role after he was elected first Mayor of the City of Altona.



Residential development at Altona Meadows is set for a boom period. This photograph shows the activity at the Woodfar-Hanover subdivision in Queen Street

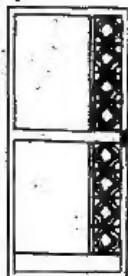
Rates due Monday

Interest charges on overdue rates in Altona this year have increased to 10 per cent., and the last day for payment at the town hall is Monday, April 12.

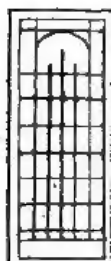
Council officers said yesterday April 10 is normally the last day for rate payment, but because the date this year falls at the week-end, the time has been extended to the Monday.

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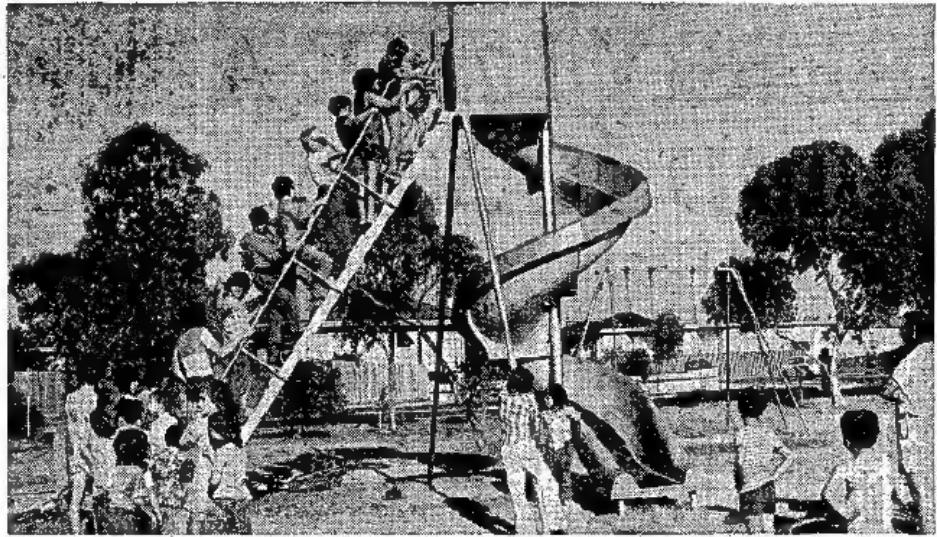
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One of the most popular spots for the kids of Altona lately has been the A. W. Langshaw Reserve, in Cresser Street. The council's engineering department has just installed a circular slide, and the pupils of neighboring Altona North State School are seen here, lining up to try it out.

Books for all

Books in Italian, Greek, Turkish, Maltese, Serbo-Croatian, Macedonian and Slovenian as well as in English are available at Altona's two libraries.

The books have been bought with money provided by the Federal and State Governments and the Altona Council.

The central library, at 123 Queen Street, is open between Monday and Wednesday from midday to 9 p.m., on Thursday between midday and 6 p.m., on Friday from midday to 9 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Altona East library, at 7 The

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For further information contact the library on 398-2255.

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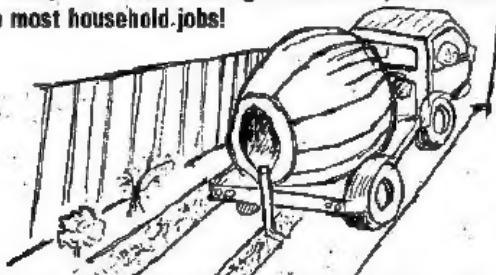
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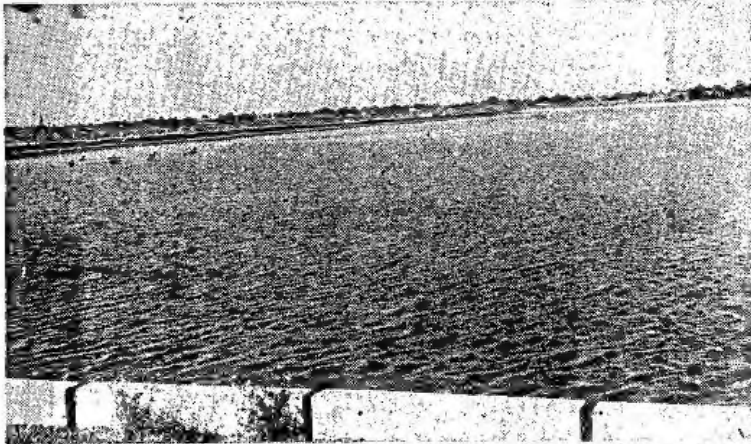
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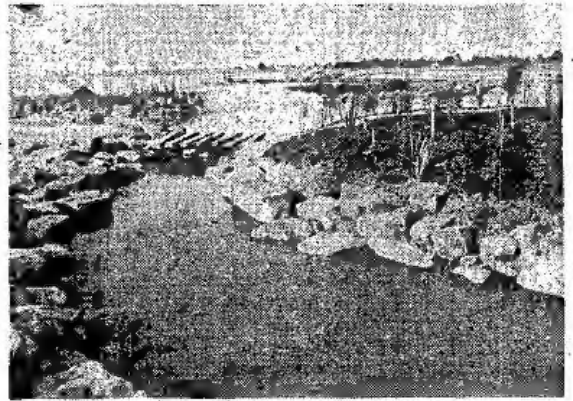
CHERRY LAKE A BIRD HAVEN



● Seagulls, swans, pelicans and dozens of other, more rare species of birds have found Cherry Lake a boon during the summer months. Since the Bird Observers' Club was founded in Altona last year, more than 200 different species have been spotted on the lake.

Cherry Lake, once a swampy area only used by duck-shooters, has become one of Victoria's chief havens for all forms of bird life.

About 250 different species of birds have been counted at the lake and its shorelines over recent months. Altona Council, which has encouraged the public to recognise and take an active interest in this important local asset, was instrumental in forming a branch of the Bird Observers' Club. Cherry Lake is being extensively beautified by the council's engineering department, which is planting lawns, trees and shrubs, and establishing a children's playground. Ratepayers may not realise that council has to pay the Board of Works rental for the rights to beautify the Cherry Lake surrounds.



● Trees, shrubs and lawn have been planted among the artificial ponds on the south side of Cherry Lake over the past weeks. A waterfall has also been built to add to the scenic garden layout.

Popular spot for fishing



Fishing for rodfin and English perch around the shores of Cherry Lake has become a popular hobby for many people of all ages since the European carp has mysteriously disappeared.

A survey undertaken by the Fisheries and Wildlife Department in December found that English perch were dominating the carp, and consequently no artificial controls were needed. The carp population was found to be relatively low, and it presented no real economic or biological problem, the department said. Altona Council has been advised that the perch population is well established following liberation of the species in the lake in 1971. The council and the department, combined on the project. The department has told councillors it is difficult to say why the perch are apparently, at this stage dominating the carp. "We consider it may be the unusual conditions in the lake make it more favorable for the perch than the carp."

European carp were considered to be a real threat to other fish in the lake when they were discovered in the waters several years ago. The department's wintering survey at the end of December took carp weighing up to 25lbs. and measuring 25 inches in length. However, officers found an abundance of perch weighing between a third and a pound.

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● The Homestead as it is today — it was begun by Altona's first settler, Alfred Langhorne, in 1842, in what is now Queen Street. The building was known as "Altona", in memory of Langhorne's German ancestry. The Homestead today is the headquarters of the Altona Historical Society, and until 1923 it was the district's council chambers.

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The first development boom in Altona began in 1887, when Mr. A. T. Clark, a Williamstown businessman, bought land for sub-division and formed the Altona and Laverton Freehold and Investment Company.

The company's capital totalled £200,000, and after laying water mains and signing a contract to build a railway to the estate, Clark sold out to a six-man syndicate in 1888 for £180,000.

The group formed the Altona Bay Estate Company with capital of £200,000. The men were John Blyth, the first commissioner of the Harbor Trust, James Sves Hogg, who made his fortune in The Meat Pie and Hogg's Hotel in Melbourne, David Munro, who built the Altona railway, and some of the bridges still

spanning the Yarra; Henry Alcock, a billiard table maker, William Ferryman, auctioneer, and Rosa MacCartney, a timber merchant.

The syndicate built a railway to Pier Street, a pier 1900 ft long, and laid out the area from Victoria Street (now Millers Road) to Lily Street (Grieve Parade), Nellie Street (Civic Parade) was the northern boundary.

This area was called Altona, after the Langhorne property, and the Altona township was founded.

Sales of land began on September 8, 1888, with special trains and boats bringing more than 3000 people to the site.

Prices reached £13 a foot, and sales were held through September to November until the land boom collapsed and Altona's development ceased.

Ad passenger trains were cancelled after August 14, 1890.

In 1917 another attempt was made to develop residential land.

Les Crofts was city's first mayor

In the middle of the last century, the Crown had the area surveyed and Altona, as it is known today, was divided into two parishes — Truganina and Cut Paw Paw.

The area was included in the district which became the Shire of Wyndham in 1863. The name of the shire was changed to Werribee in 1909.

The future Altona was three councillors were in the Werribee Council's Mr O'Brien, Mr Cherry

East Riding, and men representing the area, in After several unsuccessful attempts the last in 1922, Altona Riding managed to break free from Werribee, and Altona became a shire in its own right on February 26, 1957.

The proclamation was held on Logan Reserve the following May and George Ransom was elected the first shire president at The Homestead on June 5.

The Homestead continued to be used as the shire offices until the new civic centre was opened in Civic Parade in December, 1953.

During the early 1960s, annexations by Werribee and Williamstown councils reduced Altona's area to 19.52 square miles.

During Altona's 11-year term as a shire, a library, an elderly-citizens' club, a number of infant-welfare centres and kindergartens and a dental service were established.

Cr Les Crofts, who recently celebrated his 10th year as an Altona councillor, became first mayor when the area was declared a city on December 21, 1948.

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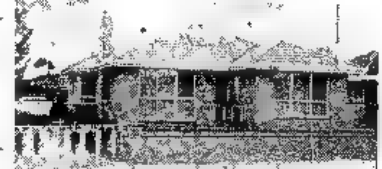
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■ This area is proposed for an 18-hole public golf course in Altona. It will be one of the district's sporting assets of the future. The land, formerly the Williamstown Racecourse, is situated along the mouth of Kororoit Creek. In the background is the PRA tank farm.

Altona's connection with the storage of explosives goes back to 1884 when the hulk Sydney Griffiths was anchored in Laverton Bay (now Altona Bay).

The hulk was loaded with explosives — the practice of the time was to store explosives in the hulks in the bay and in magazines near Footscray.

Because of the ever-present danger in these storage methods, the Government, in 1891, decided to build an explosives storage area at Shaleton Creek, Laverton.

In 1897 the Victorian Government acquired the reserve of 550 acres and opened it in 1901 with 25 magazines with a total capacity of 200 tons.

A 2 ft gauge horse-drawn railway from the reserve to Laverton Railway Station for the transportation of explosives was built and a pier for transport by sea was also provided.

The capacity of the reserve grew to 1000 tons and in special cases 1100 in 61 magazines.

For many years it was a familiar sight to see explosives ships anchored off Point Cook while red lighters (charges) piled their way to and from the explosives pier.

The tramline to Laverton station was closed about 1943, although the section inside the reserve was used until the reserve closed and explosives were taken by road truck to and from Deer Park explosives works by a special road.

But because of Altona's increasing population growth after World War

2, the Government closed most of the reserve in 1962, and moved to Point Wilson near Geelong. A small part of the reserve is still used for special explosive testing.

The Mines department has vetoed the move, saying that it is too near where explosives are tested occasionally.

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• Work on Altona's heated swimming pool at the P. J. Lynch Reserve, off Mason Street, is well under way, and the council hopes to have it open for next summer.

Progress in planning the pool was delayed last year by government departmental requirements and slow advice about funds.

Cost of the pool and its associated facilities has been estimated at \$580,000, and a Government subsidy of \$230,000 will cover part of it.

9 kinders for the littlies

With the construction of a kindergarten at the rapidly-developing areas of Altona Meadows, the city will have nine centres serving pre-school children.

The Department of Health has allocated \$70,000 towards the building's construction.

The Altona Council has decided that, in conjunction with the Meadows kindergarten, infant-welfare facilities will also be provided.

The proposed site is in Powlett Street, midway between Queen Street and Altona Avenue, and the council has acquired the necessary land.

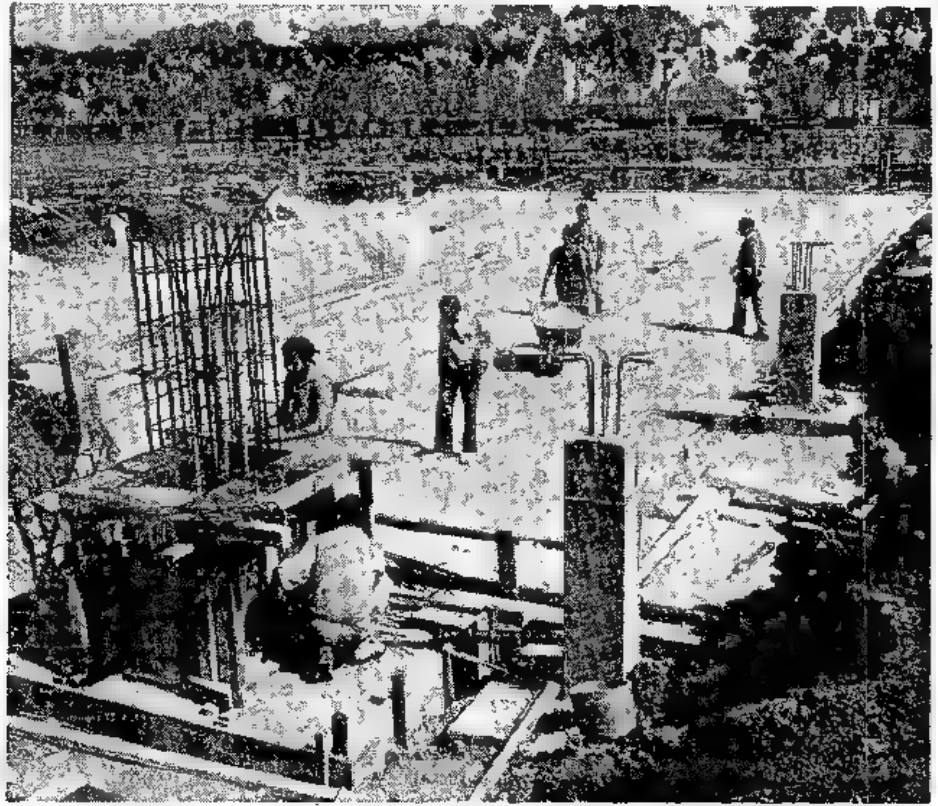
It is hoped the building will be finished by spring this year.

The decision to provide a kindergarten was made after conferring with the Altona Meadows Progress Association.

A frontage of nearly 49 metres will be used for off-street parking and an open play area. A feature of the planning at Altona Meadows included the acquisition of 10 blocks of land for more open space.

The land acquired by the council was from unknown owners who have failed to pay rates.

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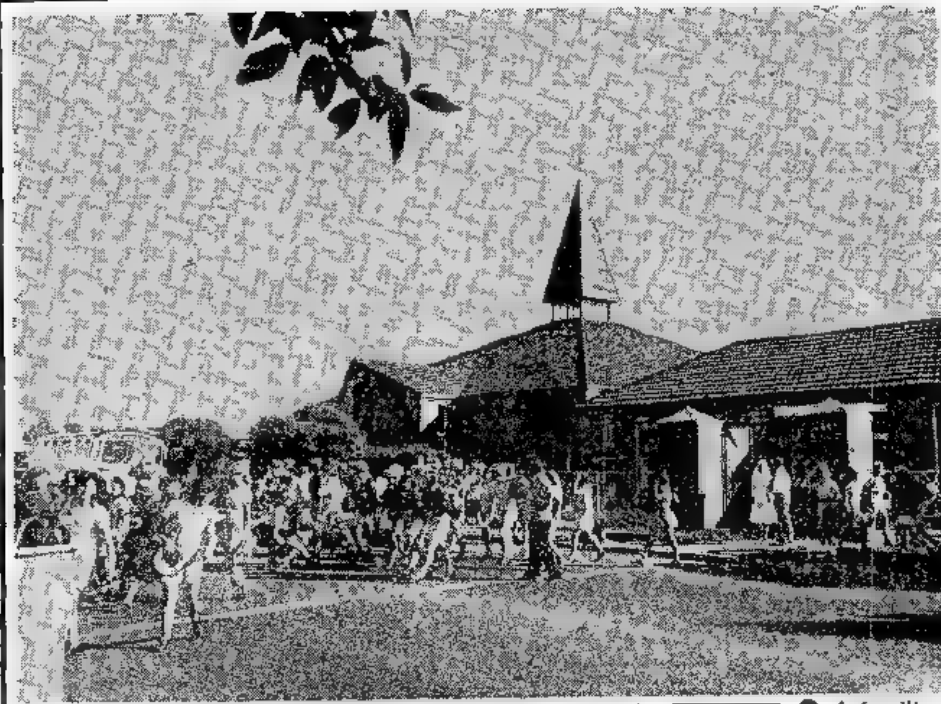
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Gym classes for boys

Boys between the ages of four and eight learn discipline and character building through the Altona Presbyterian Boys' Gymnasium, Mrs. M. Riley said this week.

Mrs. Riley is secretary of the gymnasium committee. In Civic Parade, Altona West, each Monday from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15.

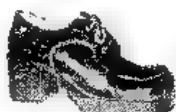
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- The heated indoor swimming pool at Lynch Reserve in

Mason Street, Altona North.

- Development of the Crofts Reserve, off Blackshaws Road, including a Little Athletics Centre pavilion.

- Extension to the football and cricket

pavilion on Grant Reserve, Civic Parade.

- A kindergarten and infant welfare centre at the fast-developing Altona Meadows.

- Extensions to the Senior Citizens' Club in Queen Street.

- The severing of council properties.

There works are in addition to extensive improvements at Cherry Lake, Apex Park and the foreshore area with the grants allocated by the former Whitlam Government.

• A familiar scene at Altona's Catholic girls' school — 3 pm at Mount St. Joseph's College when the students set off for home

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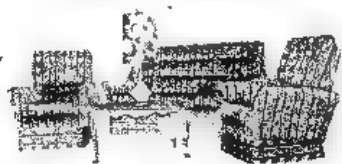
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Drama groups join in fun

Altona's two progressive theatre companies — the Altona Drama Group and the Altona City Theatre — have decided to combine to bring nostalgia and a sense of community to the district.

They will jointly produce an old-time music hall entertainment evening at the Altona Civic Centre during July and August.

The evenings will include a three-course meal, audience participation and comedy.

Auditions for the show will be held on Monday and Wednesday, April 13 and 14, at 8 p.m. at The Homestead in Queen Street.

This will be the first joint production by the two groups and director John Pearce is hoping success with the show will make it a regular event.

For more information on the musical, contact 398 1594.

Altona Drama Group is presenting this week a three-act farce, *Love's A Laundry*, at the Civic Hall.

The show will run tonight (Wednesday), tomorrow and Friday nights at 8 p.m.



Altona Drama Group members at rehearsal of *Love's A Laundry*. From left, Norm Jackson (director), Colleen Burgin, Alan J. Meadows, Allen Meadows and Lyndell Heiner.

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Within only a few years of European occupation, diseases like measles and mumps had taken an enormous toll among the natives.

The Altona area was ideal for the Burwon — game and fish abounded in the swamps and the bay.

John Bethina's trade with Melbourne's Aborigines in 1837 resulted in 500,000 acres of land in giving all of Altona being handed over to the white man.

Altona's first European settler was Alfred Lang, whose home was thought to be responsible for the naming of the area.

He began buying land in 1850, and when he died in 1874 he owned about four square miles of the district.

Langhorne began building The Homestead in 1862 on land he was leasing, what is now Queen Street.

It is believed that the house was first known as Altona — after the German city Langhorne's ancestors emigrated from Germany to England during the days of Oliver Cromwell.

Over the years The Homestead was enlarged so that, by the turn of the century, it was its present size.

The building Altona's oldest, is now the home of the Altona Historical Society.

Other settlers following Langhorne to the district included William Cherry, who leased land around

the lake that bears his name in 1844. David Ross, who also set up a depot in Altona North for fived is about 1844, and in 1845 an agent.

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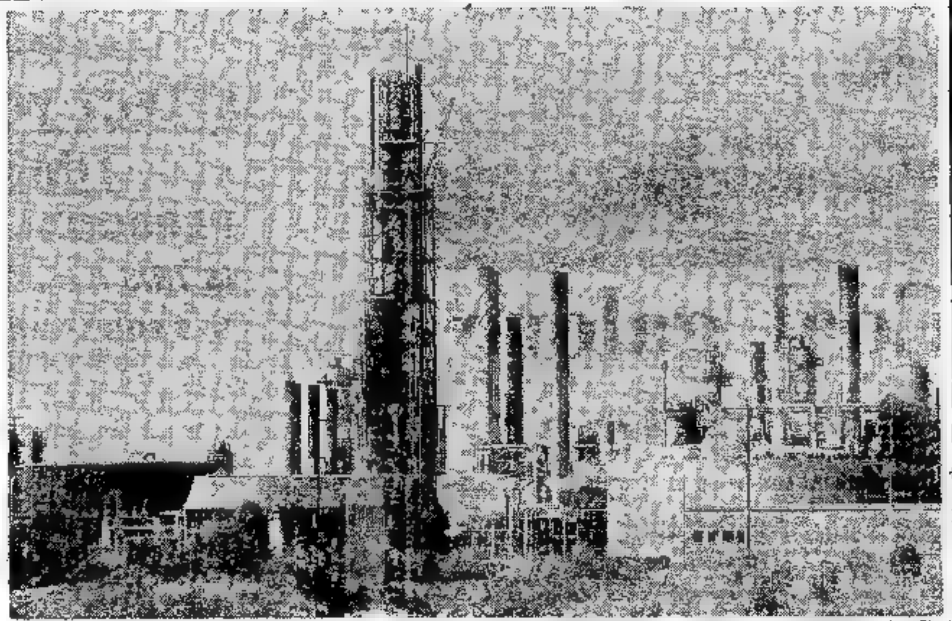
However, none have been in Altona, despite the district's heavy concentration of industry.

Those fined were in the following cities and country towns:

Daylesford, Geelong (3), Rochester, Coburn, Mildura, Apollo Bay, Maffra, Morwell, Lang Lang, Ballarat (2), Swan Hill (3), Kyabram, Shepparton, Healesville (4), Mordialloc, Northcote, Sunshine, Springvale (6), Port Melbourne, Frankston, Heidelberg, Mel-

ton, Dandenong (2), Eitzroy (2), Ringwood, Melbourne (2), Fernree Gully (4), Footscray (2), and Preston.

PICTURE: Despite the heavy concentration of industry in Altona, the Environment Protection Authority has had no cause to prosecute any company over pollution matters. Pictured is the Petrocum Refineries plant, one of the district's biggest industries.



REALISTIC NEW FLATS CODE

Altona's recently introduced 'flats' policy has been hailed as a realistic approach to town planning

throughout the city.

The code has no legal binding — it is

designed to indicate to developers a set of standards acceptable to the council within the limited powers delegated under the metropolitan planning scheme.

Under the code Altona has been divided into three zones. Two-storey development will be restricted to town house type buildings with main living areas at ground floor level.

Upstairs windows should be sited or constructed to prevent overlooking neighboring properties.

The three zones are: No multi-unit development, detached housing only, single storey flat development; and town house and single storey flats.

The council will continue to require multi-unit developers to advertise their intentions to people neighboring the proposed development.

People wanting to object to any flats proposal have 14 days to lodge a written objection to the council.

The maximum intensity of multi-unit development permitted in areas zoned for the purpose is limited to one-third of the available sites, apart from special areas around Altona station, Pier Street and along the Esplanade.

Multi-storey flats in these special areas are restricted to one-half of the available sites.

A development site frontage requires a minimum of 18 metres, a minimum depth of

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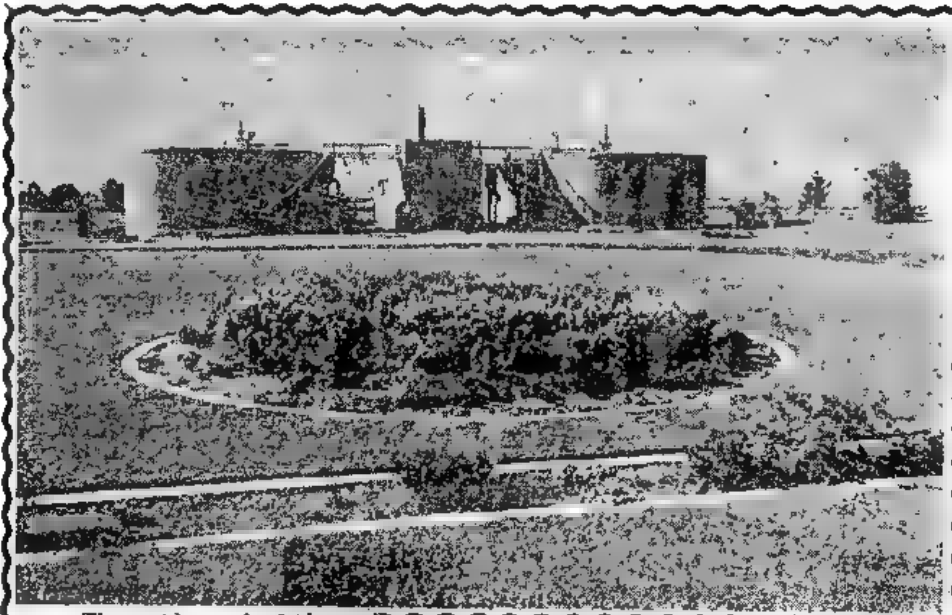
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The Board of Works unsuccessful deputations consequently petitioned the Minister for a local sewerage for Local Government treatment purification by the Council plant on its of Progress Association land off Queen Street.

The pipe feeding the purified effluent into the bay is about 200 yds. off shore.

The decision to dispose of the effluent into the bay was fought through an

PICTURED: The Western No. 2 Purification Plant recently completed by the Board of Works, is off Queen Street.

AVIATION 'BORN' IN ALTONA

A plaque noting the birth of Australian aviation in Altona was unveiled outside a shop on the corner of Pier Street and Railway Street South in December, 1969.

In November, 1910, a Frenchman named Gaston Cugnet brought his aeroplane to Altona, making several short flights.

Although Joseph Hammond, a New Zealander, was not the first to fly in Altona, nor in Australia, he paved the way towards public acceptance of flight.

During February and March, 1911, Hammond gave many public demonstrations of flying, including the first cross country

flight from Altona to Geelong and back, on February 20.

The first Australian charter flight and the first Australian passenger flight were made by Hammond when he took on board Mr. M. H. Baillieu on March 2.

The first flight over Melbourne was also made by Hammond from Altona.

Soon after these flight successes, and as a result, the Government established Point Cook.

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Hospital opened in 1932

In the early days of Altona, residents had to rely on Williamstown doctors and their hospital for emergency medical treatment.

Through a Dr. Joel's efforts, however, an old house in Pier Street was converted and opened as a makeshift hospital in 1932. A Maïros Weber was in charge.

Not long after a committee was formed — Mr. C. Lugg was secretary and Mr. C. Walker treasurer which operated as an insurance scheme entitling members to reduced hospital and outpatient charges for a mere 6d (5c) a week.

Through the efforts of Dr. Joel and the committee, the first section of the present hospital was built in Queen Street.

It had four wards and offered between eight and 10 beds when it was opened in February, 1932 by the then local M.P., Mr. J. Lemmon M.L.A.

Matron Weber was in charge until the Hospital and Charities Commission took over. Expansion over the years has lifted the hospital's bed capacity to 21, with the latest extension completed in 1972.

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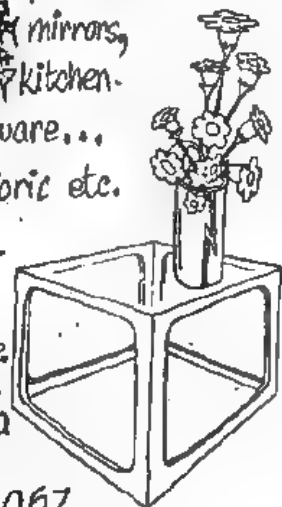
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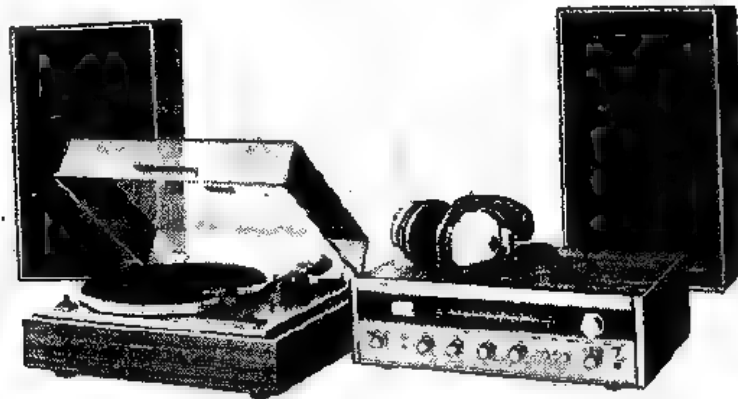
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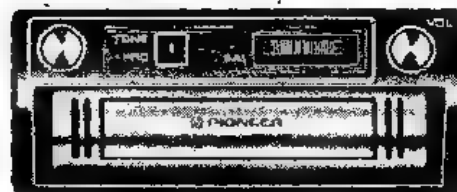
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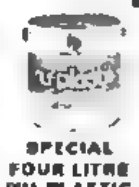
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Geoff's hobby is a real bottler

By Ross Brundrett

Geoff Wilson, of Thomas Street, Williamstown, is a bottle-ho with a difference; he only collects old bottles, preferably 100 years old.

Unlike the normal bottle-ho who can pick up all the bottles he needs in one or two suburbs, Geoff finds himself travelling all over Victoria in his search for old bottles.

And his search has not been in vain for he has collected more than 1000 bottles, some taking up the hobby less than two years ago, an average of about 10 bottles a week.

It's a very interesting hobby and one you can become quite involved in," explained Geoff who sometimes goes out three times a week looking for bottles.

Geoff said that the best places to find old bottles were in the old tips of country towns, especially those associated with the goldmines.

If you strike a good tip you may find anything up to 25 bottles, of course you have to dig for them, he said.

"You end after digging up a barrel and all the things you can come home looking like a treasure hunter," he said.

Both Geoff and Isabel are members of the Melbourne Historical Society and according to Geoff there are hundreds of members in the club.

"You'd be surprised just how many people are interested in bottles. In fact I have recently seen a vintage bottle sold for \$450," he said.

At present, Geoff and Isabel, Williamstown bottle collectors, are holding a display of about 80 of their bottles at the Williamstown Library in Ferguson Street.

Geoff will be at the library on March 31 and April 5, 7, 12, 14, 21, 28 and 29 from 7.30 to 4.30 p.m. to answer any queries and to help identify bottles brought in by people.

He hopes to start a bottle club in Williamstown and invites anyone who wishes to join to leave their name and address at the library and he will contact them.

Although Williamstown is among the oldest towns in Victoria, Geoff said it was not a very good hunting ground for bottle collectors.

The old tips have been built on and removed the bottle collectors.

Garfish trophy for Dave

Licenses of the Prince Albert Hotel, in Douglas Parade, Williamstown, to sell the David Lyons, known to his regulars as "Garfish".

Now the name has been used for life. A beautiful mounted little garfish with the words "Garfish" on its back and a small wooden plaque has been presented to him and hangs proudly in the bar.

Farm sewage study start

Sewage should be used as a valuable resource, rather than disposed of as a waste material, according to Board of Works chairman, Mr. A. H. Crawford.

The Board is investigating the possible use of sewage and recommended waste water for crop and tree production.

Mr. Crawford said that sewage has been used for crop production at the Kew and Werribee farms since 1907.

In connection with the study, the Board is also investigating the possibility of using treated effluent and sewage for commercial farming.

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The flight was on Sunday, March 26.

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It stands about 100 ft. high, with a diameter of 54 ft. and inflates to 77,560 cub. ft. of air.

A large crowd gathered to watch the inaugural flight, among them were the Marlo Anconeite; and Brian and Phillipa Smith, owners and pilots of the Captain Starlight.

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Dawn service to mark Easter

A waterside dawn service has been organised by Williamstown and District Council of Churches for the morning of Easter Sunday, April 18.

The service, one of praise and thanks for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, will begin at 6.30 a.m.

It will be on the seaward end of Gen Pier, Williamstown.

The Rev. Chester Hodge, of St. Stephen's Methodist - Presbyterian Church will conduct the service.

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For the convenience of ratepayers unable to attend during normal office hours, the office will also be open between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Monday, 12 April 1976.

Interest will be charged at the rate of 10 p.c. per annum, dating from 10th December, 1975, on all unpaid current rates after 12th April, 1976. Only those ratepayers who have already applied to pay rates by instalments are excluded from this provision.

Ratepayers already paying by instalments are reminded that the next instalment must be paid by Monday, 31st May, 1976.

J. T. SLOAN,
Acting Town Clerk

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THANKS

McGOWAN. — The family of the late Mrs. McGowan, would like to THANK everyone who assisted their mother when she became ill in Williamstown hospital, and later passed away on March 20th. Our special thanks to Dr. Burdige, for her prompt attention, also Mrs. Sandilands, Mrs. Mills and Mr. Kelling, for their help and kindness. Thanks also to Secretary and members of Ford Lodge, for their help and floral tributes.

THOMPSON. — Mrs. A. J. (PEG) THOMPSON and BARRY wish to express their deepest appreciation to relatives, neighbors and friends for their floral tributes, cards, kindly deeds and other expressions of sympathy at the sad loss of a beloved husband and father, Wilfred Charles (Bill) Thompson on 18/3/76, at 71 Twyford St., Williamstown.

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B-GRADE: Altona 1 d. MCC nil. Altona played a copy-book game. Byrne scored the game from the centre and was well supported by the rest of the team.

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